GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY SYSTEM FOR SAFETY OF PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the safe travelling of passengers in the aftermath of I.C. 814 aircraft hijack incidents;

(b) whether the Government have sought co-operation of foreign countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any talks have been held with Israel in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposed area of security for which cooperation have been sought; and

(e) the additional expenditure being borne by the Government on the new system of security?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) The following measures have been taken for the safe travelling of passengers after the hijacking incident:

i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Forcein place of State Police for security duties at the operational airports in a phased manner. The CISF has taken over security duties at 19 airports.

ii)Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder-point secondary frisking has been introduced.

iii)Strict control on access to the airports.

iv)Deployment of Sky Marshals on flights at random basis as an added safety precaution.

v)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.

vi)Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colourX-Raymachines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast two X-Ray machines are available at every point.

vii)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up at the airports in a phased manner.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Upgradation of security is an on-going process, the expenditure on which is borne by the concerned agencies.